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If entry of this Communication and the Amendment filed on February 22, 2005 is not deemed by the Examiner to place the claims in immediate condition for allowance, Applicants submit that it does place the claims in better condition for appeal according to MPEP 714.13(III) by overcoming the double patenting rejection via the terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that this Communication and the Terminal Disclaimer be entered.

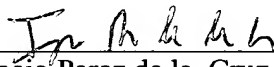
Applicants respectfully note, for the record, that the undersigned requested a telephone interview with Examiner Fredman on Thursday, April 14, 2005, to clarify the issues in an effort to move the case forward, but Examiner Fredman declined to grant an interview alleging that such interview would be unproductive. Nevertheless, Applicants appreciate the efforts of Examiners Fredman and Benzion in reviewing this case.

REMARKS

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response other than the \$130.00 statutory disclaimer fee, since the two-month extension of time fee is being authorized in the accompanying Notice of Appeal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. JJJ-P02-540 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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